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Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits: review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

Jamaica:* draft resolution

Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the Brussels Declaration[1] and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010,[2]

Recalling also its decision 2001/320 of 24 October 2001, in which it decided to establish, under the regular agenda item entitled "Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the major United Nations conferences and summits", a regular sub-item entitled "Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010",

Recalling further its resolution 2003/17 of 22 July 2003 and its decision 2003/287 of 24 July 2003, as well as the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2004 on the theme "Resources mobilization and enabling environment for poverty eradication in the context of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010",

Recalling paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 59/244, in which the Assembly decided to hold the comprehensive review of the Programme of Action in 2006 within the General Assembly at its sixty-first session, in accordance with paragraph 114 of the Programme of Action, and paragraph 6 of the same resolution,

* On behalf of States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] A/CONF.191/13, chap. I.

[2] Ibid., chap. II.

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in which the General Assembly decided to consider at its sixtieth session the modalities for conducting such a comprehensive review,

1. *Takes note* of the annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010;[3]

2. *Expresses* its deep concern over the weak implementation of the Programme of Action;

3. *Urges* the least developed countries and their bilateral and multilateral development partners to undertake increased efforts and to adopt speedy measures with a view to creating an overall enabling environment for the implementation of the Programme of Action and to meeting its goals and targets in a timely manner;

4. *Urges* the least developed countries that have not yet done so to develop, adopt and implement national development strategies to achieve the goals and targets of the Programme of Action;

5. *Requests* the development partners to assist the least developed countries in the development and implementation of their national development strategies based on the goals and targets of the Programme of Action;

6. *Calls* upon developed countries that have not yet done so to expeditiously fulfil their commitment of 0.15-0.20 per cent of their gross national income as an official development assistance target to the least developed countries and urges all development partners to align their support with the national development strategies of the least developed countries aimed at achieving the goals and targets as contained in the Programme of Action;

7. *Requests* development partners, including the United Nations system, to provide assistance to national statistical bodies of the least developed countries in order to strengthen monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the Programme of Action;

8. *Calls on* the least developed countries, in preparation for the comprehensive review in 2006 by the General Assembly at its sixty-first session, to undertake their national reviews on the implementation of the Programme of Action, with a particular focus on progress, obstacles, constraints, actions and measures necessary to further the implementation of the Programme of Action;

9. *Requests* United Nations resident coordinators to assist the least developed countries in undertaking their national reviews, in preparation for the comprehensive review of the implementation of the Programme of Action by the Assembly at its sixty-first session;

10. *Requests* the regional commissions to assist the least developed countries in undertaking regional reviews of the implementation of the Programme of Action in their respective regions, in preparation for the comprehensive review in 2006 by the Assembly at its sixty-first session;

11. *Encourages* the United Nations system and other international organizations to undertake, in preparation for the comprehensive review in 2006 by

[3] A/60/81-E/2005/68.

the Assembly at its sixty-first session, sectoral reviews of the implementation of the Programme of Action by their governing bodies;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include least developed countries issues in all relevant reports in the economic, social and related fields, particularly those that analyse global development trends, such as the *World Economic Situation and Prospects* to ensure the follow-up of their development in a broader context;

13. *Reiterates* the critical importance of the participation of Government representatives from the least developed countries in the annual review of the Programme of Action by the Economic and Social Council, underlines in that regard the low representation so far of least developed countries delegations, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure predictable funds for the travel and daily subsistence allowance of two representatives from each least developed country to attend the annual review of the Programme of Action;

14. *Emphasizes* the importance of coordinating action within the United Nations system for the implementation of the Programme of Action, and calls on the Secretary-General to continue to provide the Office of the United Nations High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States with adequate resources for indicator-based and results-oriented reporting;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a results-oriented annual progress report on the implementation of the Programme of Action in a more analytical and results-oriented way, by placing greater emphasis on the progress achieved by the least developed countries and their development partners.

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Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Jaime Moncayo (Ecuador), on the basis of informal consultations

Progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 59/250 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 44/211 of 22 December 1989, 47/199 of 22 December 1992, 50/120 of 20 December 1995, 52/203 of 18 December 1997, 52/12B of 19 December 1997, 53/192 of 15 December 1998, 56/201 of 21 December 2001 and 59/250 of 22 December 2004,[1] as well as Economic and Social Council resolutions 2002/29 of 25 July 2002, 2003/3 of 11 July 2003 and 2004/5 of 12 July 2004, and other relevant resolutions,

Recalling also the importance of the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities, through which the General Assembly establishes key system-wide policy orientations for the development cooperation and country-level modalities of the United Nations system,

Reaffirming the role of the Economic and Social Council in providing coordination and guidance to the United Nations development system to ensure that those policy orientations are implemented on a system-wide basis, in accordance with Assembly resolutions 48/162 of 20 December 1993, 50/227 of 24 May 1996 and 57/270B of 23 June 2003,

Reaffirming also that the fundamental characteristics of operational activities for development of the United Nations system should be, inter alia, their universal, voluntary and grant-based nature, their neutrality and their multilateralism, as well as their ability to respond to the development needs of recipient countries in a

[1] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/59/49 (Vol. I) and corrigendum).

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flexible manner, and that operational activities are carried out for the benefit of recipient countries, at the request of those countries and in accordance with their own policies and priorities for development,

Stressing that the purpose of reform is to make the United Nations development system more efficient and effective in supporting developing countries to achieve the internationally agreed development goals, on the basis of their national development strategies, and stresses also that reform efforts should enhance organizational efficiency and achieve concrete development results,

Emphasizing that operational activities for development of the United Nations system should be valued and assessed on the basis of their impact on recipient countries as contributions to enhance their capacity to pursue poverty eradication, sustained economic growth and sustainable development,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the management process for the implementation of General Assembly resolution 59/250 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system,[2] and welcomes the efforts to establish the management process for the implementation of the resolution, as contained in that report;

2. *Notes* the response of the United Nations system in undertaking initiatives to implement General Assembly resolution 59/250, as specified in the actions, targets, benchmarks and time frames identified at the agency and inter-agency levels that are contained in that report;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in response to paragraph 102 of resolution 59/250, to update the matrix contained in that report, including analytical reporting on results and outcomes achieved through the implementation of all actions outlined in the report;

4. *Encourages* the use, within the matrix, of quantifiable targets and measurable benchmarks, with well defined time frames at the system level, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 59/250, taking into account section III of the resolution on capacity-building in its entirety, as well as increasing system-wide capacity in support of recipient countries and enabling and facilitating the access of recipient countries to the full range of services and accumulated experience available throughout the entire United Nations system, including the regional commissions, as appropriate and consistent with their mandates;

5. *Takes note* of the work programme related to the coordination of operational activities for development for 2005;[3]

6. *Takes note also* of the report of the Secretary-General on funding options and modalities for financing operational activities for development of the United Nations system;[4]

7. *Looks forward* to further consideration of that report, in accordance with paragraph 24 of resolution 59/250;

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[2] E/2005/58.

[3] See E/2005/CRP.1.

[4] A/60/83-E/2005/72.

8. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development for 2003;[5]

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to further refine the data contained in that report to better reflect funding for operational activities for development, including a better distinction between contributions made for humanitarian assistance and for long-term development cooperation, and expenditures and actual contributions as received and channelled through the United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies and the United Nations Secretariat;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make use of the annual statistical compendium on operational activities for development submitted to the Council at the operational activities segment of its substantive session in its new format, as adopted in accordance with paragraph 22 of General Assembly resolution 59/250;

11. *Reaffirms* the necessity for the full implementation by the United Nations funds and programmes of the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 59/250.

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[5] A/60/74-E/2005/57.

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Coordination, programme and other questions: ad hoc advisory groups on African countries emerging from conflict

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Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 2002/1 of 15 July 2002, 2003/1 of 31 January 2003, 2003/53 of 24 July 2003, 2004/1 of 3 May 2004, 2004/59, 2004/61 of 23 July 2004 and 2005/2 of 1 March 2005 and its decision 2002/304 of 25 October 2002,

Welcoming the efforts of Guinea-Bissau to consolidate democracy and further deepen transparency and good governance,

Recognizing the link between political stability and economic and social development in Guinea-Bissau,

Welcoming the successful holding of the first round of Presidential elections on 19 June 2005 and looking forward to the continuing peaceful electoral process leading up to and including the second round of elections scheduled for 24 July 2005,

Welcoming also the positive and constructive role of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau in supporting the country to pursue its pressing short and long-term development objectives,

Further welcoming the efforts undertaken by the Secretary-General and by his Special Envoy, former Mozambican President Joaquim Chissano, to assist all relevant actors in Guinea-Bissau to reach a peaceful conclusion of the transitional process in the country,

Recognizing the role played by partners of Guinea-Bissau in helping the country to return to constitutional order,

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1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau,[1] in particular of the indicative timetable for the completion of the remaining tasks contained therein;

2. *Expresses appreciation* to those countries that have provided technical and financial support for the holding of Presidential elections;

3. *Expresses further appreciation* to those countries and organizations which have shown flexibility in providing budget support to Guinea-Bissau to meet its emergency needs, including through the Emergency Economic Management Fund, and calls on donors to continue to provide budgetary support to assist Guinea-Bissau in meeting the effective functioning of the State, and in that connection welcomes the decision of the United Nations Development Programme to extend the duration of the Fund until the end of 2005;

4. *Reiterates* the need for continued support to the efforts related to the planning and implementation of military sector reform, in line with the recommendation contained in Security Council resolution 1580 (2004) of 22 December 2004, and in that regard expresses appreciation to those countries and organizations which have provided technical and financial support, including through the United Nations Development Programme, for the definition and implementation of military sector reform;

5. *Welcomes* the plan by the United Nations country team to design a transitional strategy for the country, and urges all other partners to contribute to the implementation of the quick-impact micro-projects envisaged therein;

6. *Calls* on all participants at the meeting of Guinea-Bissau's partners held in Lisbon on 11 February 2005 to fulfil their commitments and to strongly support the donor round table conference scheduled to be held in the last quarter of 2005, and in that regard encourages all traditional and non-traditional partners, in preparation for the conference, to identify lead donors for various sectors in an effort to coordinate assistance;

7. *Calls also* on the United Nations system, in collaboration with the Bretton Woods institutions and other multilateral and bilateral donors, to assist Guinea-Bissau in designing and implementing a comprehensive technical assistance plan that focuses on national priority areas, particularly on public administration and the health and education sectors;

8. *Calls* on the international community to find ways to support Guinea-Bissau in strengthening civil society organizations;

9. *Urges* the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Common Fund for Commodities and other relevant agencies to assist Guinea-Bissau in formulating and implementing a comprehensive economic diversification strategy;

10. *Notes* that the experience of the ad hoc advisory groups on African countries emerging from conflicts should be taken into account in the broader context of ongoing discussions within the United Nations on the establishment of a peacebuilding commission;

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[1] E/2005/70.

11. *Decides*, on the basis of the indicative timetable for the completion of the remaining tasks, to extend the mandate of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau until its substantive session of 2006.